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Kaka-Patnitsky files, Oswald's "suicide attempt", etc.

While I have never believed there was a different Oswald in Russia, others, including Mrs. Shirley Orr, of Cubao Missouri, have and do. I believe I have given both of you copies of the memo she did for me on the differing discriptions of LHO.

I seem to recall having sent you from the LHO autopsy a description of the wrist wounds. If I haven't, it is in Belli's book also, where the complete autopsy appears.

With reference to GAI-CIA, pp 3-5, just sent by Paul, what Marina may have said at any one time does not require crediting, but I am inclined to agree that I have seen nothing indicating to me that he was a suicide-prone type, but that is also just opinion. That the passages in "Historic Diary" are overly-dramatic may also have no significance.

But the paragraph numbered "4" is interesting to me because of what it fails to say and does reflect. The Commission, allegedly interested in the indetification of Oswald, allegedly inquiring into his suicide by slashing wrists, didn't send the autopsy and the pictures it did have of these wrists to the CIA? It doesn't make sense, nor is the uncertain language of the suggestion by the CIA that it would like to see the autopsy the formulation I would expect in a memo to Hoover. It had to know he had autopsy, pictures, etc.

It was all handled too gingerly. Much too delicately handled.

The hospital would not release the Oswald autopsy pictures without a subpena and a subpena was issued. This is all quite proper and got no attention in order the hide the improprieties with the JFK autopsy. Somewhere I have the stuff on this if either of you ever needs it.

I have long felt there is an aspect of this being covered. I do not know what it is. One of the things I have suspected is that the scars are not consistent with a fatal incision, that the suicide was put on.

Best,